

SALEM DISTRICT INDUSTRIES

The Statesman will publish and award a prize each week for the best essay submitted by a grade school pupil on the industries scheduled on this page.

SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

THE DAILY STATESMAN dedicates one full page each week in the interests of one of the fifty-two basic industries of the Salem district. Letters and articles from boosters are solicited. This is your page. Help boost Salem.

For instance: Salem district has two counties growing the sacred myrtle—the only place it grows of this continent. What unique fact do you know about the district? Address articles to Slogan Editor, care Statesman.

WORKING TOWARDS AN ASPARAGUS CANNERY IN THE SALEM DISTRICT

This Should and Probably Will Be an Early Development in the Building Up of the Industry in This Section—Large Interests in That Field Are Looking for the Development—Growers Increasing in Number and Acreage

The next development in the asparagus industry of the Salem district will be a cannery; must be, ought to be. The increasing number of growers here, and the increasing acreage of growers already having plantations, will force this soon—else wider markets will have to be sought for the fresh shipments. There is a possibility of developing wider markets, by the growing and packing of a superior quality. But the most reliable market for a big production will be canneries. This may come from the canneries already here, which can easily be adapted to the use of asparagus. Or there may conceivably be canneries put up that will make a speciality of asparagus. There are already indications of interest in this field on the part of some large concerns.

The California asparagus, grown mostly for the cannery demand, is white, or at least light in color, principally. Most of our asparagus is green tipped. A cannery man interviewed by the Slogan editor yesterday said that, before the cannery interests with which he is connected will pay much attention to asparagus packing, they will have to be assured of a large supply, and that it will have to be white.

In this connection, it is sufficient to say that some of the most wonderful asparagus ever marketed was grown in the Aurora district years ago, by the Muecke family. Patrons of Portland's leading hotels are still talking about that wonderful asparagus. All of the Aurora asparagus was white.

Asparagus is one of the few, if not the only vegetable or fruit improved in some ways by canning. The proper canning of it renders it more tender, without materially depreciating the quality. This refers especially to the white tipped varieties.

A Wonderful Product.
The Labish asparagus being marketed now is attracting much favorable attention, as it did in former years. It is all green tipped.

The Pacific Fruit & Produce company is handling the Settlement shipments, from Woodburn, as they have done in past years. This asparagus goes over a wide market.

CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM UNUSUAL

350 Persons Present for Santiam District Convention Sunday
A Sunday school convention attracted an unusual attendance last Sunday when the Santiam district carried out a Children's Day program. The entire program was by and for the children. Nearly every Sunday school responded with its members, several giving demonstrations of time well spent in Bible memory work. It was inspiring and encouraging to see how much can be and is being accomplished in one short hour in the Sunday school.

The price to growers for the early deliveries is 15 cents a bunch (pounds). It will be a little lower later. The wholesale price in Portland for good asparagus is about \$2 a dozen bunches, in the early part of the season.

CHERRIANS WILL MARCH IN AL KADER RECEPTION

Friday morning, August 20, the Pullman special is scheduled to leave Eugene about 8 o'clock, in order that all may view the scenery along the Natron Cut-Off road, arriving at Klamath Falls that evening about 5 o'clock.
All day Saturday and Sunday evening, August 21, will be spent in Klamath Falls, leaving for Salem Saturday night about 11 o'clock, and arriving in Salem about 10 o'clock Sunday morning. It is estimated that the three day trip will cost less than \$40 each, including all meals to be served on the Pullman diner.
Before the business session, the Cherrians were entertained by Jean Rahn in vocal solos, accompanied by the piano by Donald W. Riddle and also by Ernest Beals, an accordion player from the Oregon Agricultural College.

Chamber of Commerce. This would bring large sums here from long distances. It would mean large annual returns from a comparative small acreage. It would start our canning season early; around March 20th, or about two months before it opens now, on gooseberries which come on about the first of June. (Probably two or three weeks earlier this year, from present indications.)

Some of Our Growers.
E. E. Settlemeir & Son, Woodburn, are among our oldest and most successful and persistent growers of asparagus. They have been in the industry for the past fourteen years, and their product is favorably known all over the Pacific northwest. They have produced both the white and the green tipped varieties. They have developed strains of their own.

Royle Allen, pioneer of the Lake Labish section, has been growing asparagus for eleven years, for home use, with always a little for the markets, which commands a ready sale, because of its high quality. Mr. Allen uses salt to keep the weeds down. Mr. Allen has the green tipped variety. All of the Lake Labish growers use this kind; mostly the Washington variety now.

Paul Fiala, near the Wallace road, below Salem, on the Polk county side, is a considerable grower of asparagus; is delivering a good article.

W. W. Weinhart, on the beaverdam land in the Lake Labish district, has about five acres of asparagus, and he is delivering a fine product to the Salem market. The Roth grocery store is handling this product.

S. O. Kim, market gardener, route 8, Salem, delivers some good asparagus to the Salem market.
So does Sue Sun, just below the Salem city limits.

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Pacific Tel. & Tel Co. added \$2,458,184.81 to its Oregon investments, in 1925.

Tentative Plans for Summer Visit to Eugene and Klamath Outlined

Portland, April 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Dr. Charles Marvin, head of the United States weather bureau at Washington, arrived here today with other officials to attend a conference on methods of using weather forecasts in fire prevention work.

THIS WEEK'S SLOGAN

DID YOU KNOW that in the Salem district the best asparagus produced in the world has been and can be grown; that it can be grown here on almost any kind of land that is rich and well drained; that with these natural advantages a great commercial industry can be and ought to be built up; that every farmer and gardener ought to raise some asparagus; that, with half a chance, it will grow and produce crops for 30 years or more, though it is good practice to renew it every 10 to 12 years; that it ought to be canned and dehydrated here, and that in this district land can be bought cheap that will raise good asparagus with less preparation and more surely than the average land in any other state or section of the country?

Dates of Slogans in Daily Statesman

- (In Twice-a-Week Statesman Following Day)
- (With a few possible changes)
Loganberries, October 1, 1925
Prunes, October 8
Dairying, October 15
Flax, October 22
Filberts, October 29
Walnuts, November 5
Strawberries, November 12
Apples, November 19
Raspberries, November 26
Mint, December 3
Beans, etc., December 10
Blackberries, December 17
Cherries, December 24
Peas, December 31
Gooseberries, January 7, 1926
Corn, January 14
Celery, January 21
Spinach, etc., January 28
Onions, etc., February 4
Potatoes, etc., February 11
Bees, February 18
Poultry and Fat Stock, Feb. 25
City Beautiful, etc., March 4
Great Cows, March 11
Paved Highways, March 18
Head Lettuce, March 25
Silos, etc., April 1
Legumes, April 8
Asparagus, etc., April 15
Grapes, etc., April 22
Drug Garden, April 29
- Sugar Beets, Sorghum, etc., May 6, 1926
Water Powers, May 13
Irrigation, May 20
Mining, May 27
Land, Irrigation, etc., June 3
Floriculture, June 10
Hops, Cabbage, etc., June 17
Wholesaling and Jobbing
June 24
Cucumbers, etc., July 1
Hogs, July 8
Goats, July 15
Schools, etc., July 22
Sheep, July 29
National Advertising, August 5
Seeds, etc., August 12
Livestock, August 19
Grain and Grain Products, August 26
Manufacturing, September 2
Automotive Industries, September 9
Woodworking, etc., September 16
Paper Mills, Sept. 23, 1926
- (Back copies of the Thursday edition of The Daily Oregon Statesman are on hand. They are for sale at 10 cents each, mailed to any address. Current copies 5 cents.)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE SUCCESSFUL GROWING OF ASPARAGUS

The Washington Variety Excels, in Being Earlier, with Stalks Well Typed, and Vigorous and Large, and It Is Rust Resisting—Fertilization and Fighting of Pests—in Dry Seasons, Irrigation Is Beneficial

(The following asparagus questions and answers were furnished by Homer Settlemier, of the Oregon Agricultural college; and they are the conclusions furnished by both actual experience in growing and in college training.)
Question—In what ways does Washington asparagus excel?
Answer—Washington asparagus excels other varieties in its age of bearing; it may be profitably cut a year earlier than other sorts, due to its vigor of growth and increased size of plants. The stalks produced are large and well selected strains are very well typed; that is to say, in Washington the stalks are more uniform in size, growth, color and freedom from sprangling. The rust-resistant quality of the Washington may be a deciding factor in certain sections where rust is a serious disease, but in other parts cannot be considered so much of a factor.
Question—Does it pay to grow your own roots?
Answer—That is a question that growers often have to decide. A great many conditions should be considered. Young roots are best grown in sandy and salt loam soils. If the grower possesses soil of this nature, there is no doubt but that he can grow his own roots cheaper and better, and also be able to make careful selections of roots for grade, size, etc., when it comes to setting them out.
Question—What fertilizers are advocated in growing asparagus?
Answer—Barnyard manure has been the fertilizing material most widely used in the past. In sections where potash has been a limiting factor in the soil, excellent results have been obtained by applying potash fertilizer. In the use of a complete commercial fertilizer a mixture high in nitrogen should be applied at the rate of about 1,000 pounds per acre, in which the fertilizer might contain 200 pounds of nitrate of soda, 400 pounds of superphosphate, and 200 pounds of sulfate of potash. In the fertilization of asparagus results of an increased yield can-

not be expected the same year the fertilizer was applied, but the plant food is stored up in the roots and crowns to produce a larger yield the following spring.
Question—What are the best means of controlling beetles?
Answer—Asparagus beetles may be controlled by leaving (not cutting) every twentieth row as a trap crop and spraying or dusting with an arsenate insecticide-arsenate of lead 6 pounds to 50 gallons of water. Some growers have successfully controlled the beetle by fencing in the area and allowing chickens to carry on the control work by eating the beetles.
Question—What is the effect on the yield of graded roots?
Answer—There is a great difference in the yield of asparagus roots, as shown by the fact that the difference in value of asparagus produced each year between the large and small roots was sufficient to have paid for the best and largest roots.
Question—Is salt beneficial to asparagus?
Answer—It certainly is not essential, since good asparagus is produced without its use. Salt does prevent weeds, however, and to some extent may take the place of potash in the crop.
Question—Are plantations irrigated with profit?
Answer—Wherever the summer seasons are long and dry, there is bound to be a very profitable increase in the growth of the irrigated area. The greater the summer and fall growth the better the cuttings the following spring.

WATKINS SEEKS DEBATE

Portland, April 14.—(Elton Watkins, who some time ago announced he would seek the democratic nomination for United States senator, today issued a challenge to Bert E. Haney to debate with him on the ship subsidy question, and to Hugh McLean, to debate on the liquor question.
Toledo and Newport join in campaign for Yaquina Bay Harbor project.

HIGH SCHOOL BANDS COMPETE SATURDAY

Industrial School Boys Take Seventh Place, Many Bands Entered

The state high school band contest was held at Corvallis on April 10. Bands competing were the Medford high school, Corvallis high school, Industrial boys school, Albany high school girls' band, Washington high school, Portland, The Dalles high school and the Albany boys band.
Corvallis took first prize, Albany boys band, second; Washington third; The Dalles, fourth; Medford sixth; Albany girls, sixth; Industrial school boys, seventh.

The large cup representing first place was won by Corvallis and becomes its property; three smaller cups, and a baton being other prizes.
Contest music included: "The Bridal Rose," overture; preceded by a warming up march of each band's selection. The contest was held in the woman's gymnasium on the OAC campus, because of the small audience attending. The men's gym, the year before, was filled.
Salem high school band will be entered next year. The Band Fraternity of OAC was host to all visitors at a banquet in the room at noon Saturday. The program began at 2 o'clock and while waiting for the judges decision the OAC band played several selections.
The girls band from Albany in its first years existence played well.

HIGHWAY-BRIDGE BIDS TO COME UP

State Highway Commission to Consider Construction at Meeting

Bids for the construction of approximately 27 miles of highway and a number of bridges will be considered at a meeting of the state highway commission to be held in Portland April 29, according to announcement made at the offices of the state highway department here Tuesday.
Projects for which proposals will be considered follow:
Benton county—Missouri Bend-Alsea Mountain section of the Alsea highway, 10.65 miles grading.
Coos county—Bandon section of the Roosevelt Coast highway, .6 mile of grading.
Klamath county—Bly Mountain-Beatty section of the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway, 13.45 miles of broken stone surfacing.
Tillamook county—Wheeler section of the Roosevelt Coast highway, 1.83 miles of grading and surfacing.
Baker county—Bridge over the Snake river at Ballard's Landing, near Homestead.
Benton county—Overcrossing of the Southern Pacific railroad on the Corvallis-Newport highway at Wren.
Bridge over Marys river on the Corvallis-Newport highway near Wren.
Douglas county—Bridge over Rocky creek on the Roosevelt highway near Otter Rock.
Bridge over Depoe Bay on the Roosevelt Coast highway near Otter Rock.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY MASONIC ORDER

ASTORIA, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—John Kollok, of Portland, was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Oregon grand council of Royal and Selected Masters today, the second day of the annual convention of the York rite masonry bodies of Oregon.
Other officers named were:

OUR PRUNE DRYING FACILITIES SHORT

Indications of a Big Crop in Every Part of the Salem District

What are the growers to do with all their prunes? This is likely to be a very pertinent question, as the season advances. A Salem man who knows all about the prune game has been looking over the orchards the past few days, and he finds the fruit set about 100 per cent strong on all the trees in every direction. So the danger point is past, barring conditions that might arise but which have not heretofore been encountered in the history of the industry here.
In the afternoon the delegates and their families were taken on a motor trip to Seaside where they attended a dinner given at the hotel Seaside under the auspices of the Seaside chapter of the order of the Eastern Star.
Tomorrow's program will be featured by the opening of the grand commandery, Knights Templar, session.
Parades, drills, a church service, and a boating trip on the Columbia river will occupy the day.
In the evening the grand commandery dinner, reception, and ball will be featured.
The session closes Thursday noon with the forenoon devoted to business sessions of the templar order.

Can the driers we now have take care of that tonnage of prunes? No. They can take care of perhaps 65,000,000 pounds, or perhaps 75,000,000 pounds, in case there shall be a long drying season, free or partially free from heavy rains in harvesting time. In that case, what is going to happen to 25,000,000 to 35,000,000 pounds of dried prunes—rather the millions of bushels that would make that many pounds of dried prunes?
Fresh shipments could take care of some of them. But that is a lot of prunes to be handled in the fresh state, or in any state.
Looks like we may need a prune director, right soon, to prepare for the emergency, or the no expected emergency. But that is no such director.
Well, in conclusion, what is going to be done about it? If anything at all is to be done about it, a commencement ought to be made now, or very soon.
Oregon prunes are too good a product to think of having millions of bushels of them wasted. And the waste might run into a very large sum of money that could be used by our people to good advantage.

CORN BELT MEASURE RESULT UNCERTAIN

Bill Approved by Committee But Said Unacceptable to Administration

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—The corn belt farm relief bill was approved today by the senate agricultural committee, but indications were given that it is unacceptable to the Coolidge administration.
Secretary Jardine, outlining a program in a letter to Chairman Hagen of the public agricultural commission and Senator Pepper, republican, Kansas, made public after the senate committee has acted, advocated creation of a federal commission to aid farmers, through the agriculture department and their own organizations in marketing their products.
He made no reference to the corn belt measure, which would levy a fee on basic commodities with a view to stabilizing surplus prices, but the inference was given that he does not look on it with favor. President Coolidge has indicated that in determining his position on relief legislation he will be guided largely by the recommendations of the secretary of agriculture.
The corn belt measure was approved by the senate committee as a rider to the administration's cooperative marketing bill and the senate will be forced under its rules to vote on it before it can act on the cooperative provisions.

W. A. CARTER TALKS TO WOMEN'S CLUB

Explains Planks of Platform in Campaign for Party Nomination

W. A. Carter, seeking nomination for republican candidate for governor the coming election spoke before a representative gathering of the Salem Women's club Wednesday, April 14, at 2 o'clock p. m.
Mr. Carter, who has been a resident of Oregon for the past 32 years was received with much enthusiasm.
In brief Mr. Carter covered his platform, laying special stress on the reduction of the income tax; the boss riding convention system, the enforcement of the Volstead law; the proper system and education of our youths in our schools. Mr. Carter spoke quite extensively on putting through the passage of the bill giving the school children free text-books. All of the issues received hearty applause.
Melvin Carter, chairman of the meeting, then called on the audience to make a few remarks and all expressed their appreciation of the talk by Mr. Carter.
Mrs. Flora F. Fair, of Portland, stated how much the free text-book issue meant not locally but throughout the state.

CANDIDATES FILE FOR MAY PRIMARY

List of Contestants Added to Roll Headed by Stanfield and Shumway

Other declarations of candidacy filed in the state department here Tuesday follow:
Dal M. King, Myrtle Point, republican; candidate for representative in the legislature for the fifth district, comprising Coos county.
R. M. Turner, Toledo, republican; candidate for representative in the legislature for the 14th district, comprising Polk and Lincoln counties.
Joseph N. Scott, Pendleton, democrat; candidate for representative in the legislature for the 22nd district, comprising Morrow and Umatilla counties.
E. D. Jasper, Alsea, republican, candidate for state senator for the 21st district, comprising Union and Willows counties.
A. S. Ellis, Portland, republican; candidate for representative in the legislature for the 18th district, comprising Multnomah county.
Hermiston — All records for honey production being broken here this year.

TRACTOR KILLS FARMER

MACHINE ROLLS OVER ON OPERATOR, CRUSHING HIM

ROSEBURG, April 13.—(AP)—K. L. Thornton, a resident of Green Valley, was killed shortly before noon today when a tractor rolled over on him. He was driving the machine out of a depression when it turned over backwards and crushed him beneath it. He was rushed to Oakland, but died on the way to town. He was 40 years of age and leaves a widow and three small children.
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